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News

3Y0J Bouvet island –QRT update by Ken LA7GIA

We activated Bouvet Island in extremely difficult conditions! Now that we leave Bouvet with mixed feelings, we also know that we did what we could to get Bouvet on the air.

Four members went ashore at Bouvet on 31 January in good conditions to set up the climbing route and install an unmanned zodiac rope system between a buoy and the beach, so that we could land equipment also in rough surf. During the day the surf increased, and the extraction of the team members was aborted, and we were thus stranded on Bouvet late in the evening. During 3 nights we slept outdoors under the open sky in cold and difficult conditions with little or no supplies. We prepared a simple emergency shelter on the island where we stayed (tarp). During the second day we got some supplies in a risky zodiac operation in high swell. We lost several objects in the surf and punctured the zodiac. The conditions on the beach were terrible. Due to the coming storm, we evacuated back to Marama on day 4. <https://www.dx-world.net/3y0j-bouvet-island/>



BIG shoutout to VE3LYC-LA7GIA-LA7THA-KO7SS-AB5EB-DL6KVA-KO8SCA.



Unacceptable behaviour on DX cluster -by Max ON5UR

In recent days, boundaries have been crossed that are totally unacceptable. The DX cluster was used for purposes for which it was not developed at all. Some people have taken serious abuse by using fake callsigns to express their displeasure or make unacceptable comments. Hamspirit has completely lost its way with this and, moreover, those involved get away with it. <https://www.dx-world.net/unacceptable-behaviour-on-dx-clusters/>

T30TT Western Kiribati by Dom 3Z9DX

If anyone interested to join 10 days activity from **T30TT** let me know. This will be easy going fly in destination and nice place to stay without hardcore camp or floor cooking kitchen style. You can practice your CW or/and SSB. Drop me message if you want to have some fun on the Pacific. There is just fly ticket cost and food to cover. There is big push from amateur community for MORE CW and SSB. So you can be part of that. Whole equipment antennas, radios, laptops, generators, amplifiers will wait for you. Dates to set but March 2023 is preferred. Team of max 4 so 2 extra can join.

FT8WW Crozet Island -update

New log upload has been made. This includes QSOs for 12m - the first time this band has ever been active from Crozet.

Thierry, F6CUK, is now continuing his activation of Crozet as FT8WW on bands above 30m. He stays on the island until March 3. QSL via F6EXV OQRS.

CY0S Sable Island -update

Parks Canada – Sable Island has agreed to add one day to the length of stay on Sable Island for the CY0S DXpedition team. The start date is still March 20 and the end date is now March 30, 2023. The CY0S team would like to thank the Operations Manager for Sable Island in approving this extension. Parks Canada understands the scope of our plans and has been very cooperative in providing the CY0S team with specific details, as needed. <https://www.dx-world.net/cy0s-sable-island-dxpedition-2023/>

J8/AJ4YX St Vincent by Gert PA2LO -update

QTH is very, very windy. One antenna is up the deck, the other in the garden close to the water (and a lot less wind). Today we had a power outage for 2 hours. Sorry for those in the 10m FT8 pile-up that missed the QSO. We are running a K3S barefoot. Already over a 1000 QSOs in the log (40% SSB, some CW, rest is FT8 due to high demand in Asia). Like said before: I have other obligations here in Saint Vincent, but when times permit I will be active. For those who asked: later this month team J8NY will be active from the island. They will also do 160 meter, I will not. But expect me to be active on 60 meter later this week.

T33BA and T33BB Banaba Island -update

Following the postponement mentioned below, and the mysterious delisting of callsigns, we now

have word this DXpedition is back on. As such, the ops are apparently waiting on a ship to take them to Banaba on February 17th.

3B7M St Brandon -update

Team have obtained all entry permits from Outer Island Development corporation and now have green light to enter the island. They are in last phase of packing and next Tuesday will leave from OE to 3B8. Then they have recovery day and by February 23rd team should be on boat to 3B7.

403A DXpedition Logistic Service

Exciting news!

Are you going on a serious DXpedition?

Are you part of a multinational team?

Will you be activating a most wanted or rare DXCC entity?

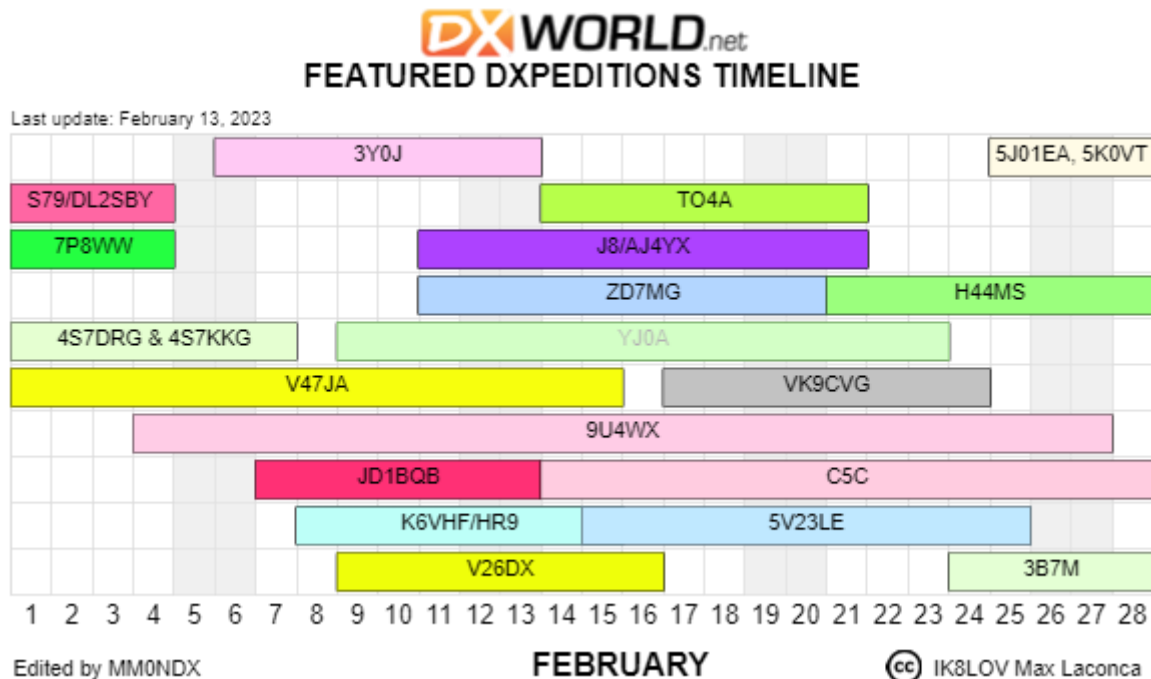
Will you be QRV from an interesting location?

Do you require DXpedition equipment support?

403A DXpedition Logistic Service

In a brand new partnership the two world renown amateur radio equipment manufacturers and providers – [403A](#) and [WiMo](#) – have joined forces to provide help and support to future DXpeditions through logistics, equipment, and service catered for individuals or groups who require such assistance. <https://www.dx-world.net/403a-dxpedition-logistic-service/>

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

This can change daily, please visit <https://www.dx-world.net/> for updates.

DX tour by Brian M0NSI

During a cruise aboard Celebrity Eclipse, Brian will do some land based operations:

VK2, Sydney Australia VK2/M0NSI February 16-20

FK, New Caledonia FK/M0NSI February 20-25

FO, Tahiti – Moorea FO/M0NSI February 25-28

FO, Bora Bora FO/M0NSI February 28-March 7

KH6, Hawaii KH6/M0NSI March 8-13

JA, Japan call pending March 14-17

5Z4, Kenya license pending March 18-April 1

4W, TIMOR LESTE Satoshi, JH2EUV is once again operating as 4W/call until March 3 from the

Palm Beach Hotel. Operation with an AH4+long wire, and DP (for 17-15-10) on the roof of QTH at about 17m high. TVI, however, is still a problem particularly on 12m and other high bands. The output power sometimes has to be reduced or the operation may have to be stopped. He asks you kindly understand these circumstances. QSL via LoTW and bureau.

5V, TOGO Eric, F5LCX is operating in 'holiday-style' as 5V23LE until February 25. QSL via LoTW.

6W, SENEGAL Willy, ON4AVT is once again QRV from Warang as 6W7/call. Activity until March 31. Operating from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, digi and QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS.

6Y, JAMAICA Neville, G3RFS is active as 6Y5FS until end March. Activity on HF mainly using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS or LoTW.

7X, ALGERIA Henning, OZ2I is active as 7U7EE from Djelfa until February 22. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via Club Log OQRS, LoTW or home call.

9U, BURUNDI Elvira, IV3FSG is operating as 9U5R until February 27. Operation from 80 to 6 meter (no 30m) using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via IK2DUW.

9U, BURUNDI Vlad OK2WX is active as 9U4WX until February 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB (no 30m). QSL via IZ8CCW, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

<https://www.mdxc.support/9u4wx/>

C5, THE GAMBIA Team C5C is once again active until March 14. Operators are F5RAV, F5NVF and M0NPT. Operation on HF and possible QO-100.

C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is once again active as C5YK until February 24. Operation during his spare time on 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

D4, CAPE VERDE Tony, CT1FFU is active from Sal Island until February 22. QRV primarily a QO-100 DXpedition. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Philippe, F1DUZ is once again active as FG4KH until March 7. An entry in the REF SSB contest and ARRL SSB contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Yuri, VE3DZ is QRV as FM/call until February 21. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call.

FM, MARTINIQUE Francis, F6BWJ is QRV as FM/call during January-March. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, PSK and RTTY. QSL via LoTW.

FT/W CROZET ISL Thierry, F6CUK is active as FT8WW. For most recent updates I refer to <https://twitter.com/crozet2022> or the DX-World website.

<http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/>

On the scene...9U4WX and 9U5R, Burundi



H4, SOLOMON ISLANDS Bernard, DL2GAC is once again active as H44MS from Manakwai Village (northern Malaita Isl). Activity until May 8. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating as HR5/call until March 13. Operation

on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct or buro.

J7, DOMINICA Laurent FM5BH and Yuri VE3DZ will be active as J79BH between February 20 and February 26. Activity from 160 to 40 meter using CW. QSL via FM5BH, LoTW or Club Log OQRS.

J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Gert, PA2LO is active as J8/AJ4YX until February 21.

Operation during his spare time. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included, besides the contest Gert will be mainly active using SSB and FT8.

OX, GREENLAND Bo, OZ1DJJ is once again QRV as OX3LX near Kangerlussuaq airport until February 21. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included as OX7A (with ops OX7AKT, OX5DM and OX7AM). QSL via OZ0J.

OX, GREENLAND Mikkel, OZ7AKT is active as OX7AKT until February 21. Operation on HF. QSL via OZ1ACB.

OX, GREENLAND Davis, OZ5DM will be operating as OX5DM from Kangerlussuaq between February 14 and February 21. Operation on HF using mainly SSB. QSL via OZ1ACB.

PJ2, CURACAO Bob AA1M, Steve W1SR and Mike W1USN will be active as PJ2/calls from February 20 until March 3. Operation on HF. QSL via homecalls, direct or buro, LoTW.

On the scene...ZD7MG/P, St Helena



PJ4, BONAIRE Scott, NE9U will once again be operating as PJ4/call from February 11 until February 26. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as PJ4A (with K2NG, N9TTK and W9RE). QSL for PJ4A via K4BAI, PJ4/homecalls via LoTW.

PJ4, BONAIRE Justin, N9TTK is active as PJ4/call until February 21. He expects to be QRV from the Washington Slagbaai Provincial Park. QSL via LoTW or via K4BAI.

S7, SEYCHELLES Peter, G4SHO is active as S79/call until February 21. Operation on HF using CW. QSL via LoTW.

TI, COSTA RICA Nathan, N4YDU will be operating as TI7W during the ARRL DX CW contest. Before the contest he signs as TI5/call. QSL via M0URX (for TI7W), home call and LoTW.

TR, GABON Roland, F8EN is active as TR8CR until mid-March. Active from 30 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

V3, BELIZE During the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 18-19) look for WC0W, K5PI, WC0T, WW0G, W5MJ, VE7KW and VA7DX as V3T. QSL via WC0W. Outside contest they will use personal call signs V31TP, V31AT, V31IT, V31WK.

V3, BELIZE Paul, VE3AXT is active from Caye Caulker until March 5. QSL via M0URX.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISL Nobby, G0VJG will be operating as VK9CVG between February 17 and February 24. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and some FT8. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

VK9N, NORFOLK ISL Dom, VK2HJ will be QRV as VK9/call between February 17-20. Operation during his spare time from 40 to 10 meter using SSB. QSL via EB7DX.

VK9W, WILLIS ISL Sands, VU2WXW is operating as VK9WX until end April.
<https://www.qrz.com/db/VK9WX>

VP2M, MONTERRAT Thaire, W2APF is once again QRV as VP2MDX until March 31. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW or via home call.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Look for Steve VP2V/AA7V during the ARRL DX CW contest (Febr 18-19). Steve will then be operating from Tortola, outside the contest he will be QRV during some spare time using CW from 160 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, LoTW.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS Bill AC0W and Pat K0PC are once again active as VP5/calls until February 20. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included as VP5K. QSL via homecalls, LoTW, VP5K goes via K0PC.

YJ, VANUATU Bob W7YAQ and Al K7AR are operating as YJ0A until February 23. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. A Multi Single effort for the ARRL CW DX Contest is planned. Logs will be uploaded daily to Club log. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or K7AR.

ZD7, ST HELENA Andy, DK7MG is active as ZD7MG until February 25. Most likely he will be on 15 and 17 meter during daytime.



Coming up soon

3B7, ST BRANDON Members of the OM7M contest club and CDXP (OM5ZW, OK6DJ, OM3PC, OM4MW, OM5RW, OK2ZA, OM3KAP & OM4MM) will be operating as 3B7M between February 24 and March 5, 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via OK6DJ, Club Log OQRS.

HC8, GALAPAGOS ISL Jim WB2REM, Chris VO1IDX, Mitch KH6M and Bob KE2D will be active from Santa Cruz as HD8M. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8 during March 1-11. An entry in the ARRL DX contest is included (March 5-6). QSL via WB2REM direct, OQRS, LoTW. <http://www.hd8m.com/index.html>

J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Sandro VE7NY and Rob N7QT will be active as J8NY from February 28 until March 7. An entry in the ARRL SSB contest is included. Outside the contest they will be operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via VE7NY.

JD1, OGASAWARA Take, JA1UII will once again be operating as JD1BON from February 25 until March 5. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

KH2, GUAM Look once again for BJ as AH2/WA7WJR during the first week of March, 2023.
<https://www.questsofdiscovery.com/dxpedition>

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN Gary, KC9EE will be operating as PJ7/call from Oyster Pond area. QRV during March 1 and March 7 from 20 to 10 meter using QRP CW. QSL via home call.

TI, COSTA RICA Joe, VE3BW will be active as TI7/call from February 26 until around March 12.

Activity from 160 to 6 meter. 'The house is located 1000 feet up a hillside on the west coast near Samara I will be travelling back and forth from Canada for the next year, eventually more permanent in 2024. Arriving Feb 26th-Depart around March 12th. QRV all modes 160-6 meters. The QTH will be available to be rented by Hams (and non hams). Permanent station will be available and a link to licence etc. 10 minutes from the beach.'

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL Gopan, VU3HPF and Ram VU2JXN will be operating as VU4T from Port Blair during March 2-5. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter QRP using mostly CW. QSL via Club Log and LoTW.

Andaman Island, VU4



IOTA

This week on air

ASIA

AS-015 Penang Isl Rich, PA0RRS is active as 9M2MRS from Penang Island (AS- 015), West Malaysia until March 29. He operates CW (most of the time "no split") and digital modes (RTTY, FT8 and FT4) on 40-10m. On FT8, he says, if there are too many callers he will switch to F/H on 7056, 10131, 14084, 18095, 21084, 24911, 28091 kHz. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), LoTW, or via PA0RRS.

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JS6RRR (also JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6 & JR8YLY/6) is active until March 7. QRV from 80 to 6 meter using SSB/CW/FM/RTTY/JT65 using various calls above on different modes. Participation in CQWW CW contest as JS6RRR. QSL via QRZ.com

NORTH AMERICA

NA-249 Culebra Isl Team KP3RE will once again be active during February 17-19. This will be a combined IOTA, POTA, SOTA, BOTA & USI activity. QSL via EA5GL.

OCEANIA

OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX will be QRV as YB9/call until March 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using all modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-018 Chiloe Isl Look for team CB7C from the Punta Corona Lighthouse during the American International Lighthouse weekend (Febr 18-20). Operation on all bands using SSB and FT8. QSL

via CE6TTL.

SA-071 Moela Isl Look for ZZ2MI (operators PY2MAM and PY2TTN) during February 19-21. Activity on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and FT8. <https://www.qrz.com/db/ZZ2MI>

Coming up soon

NORTH AMERICA

NA-049 Providencia Isl HK3EA/5J01EA and HK3MKQ/5K0VT will be active during February 27 to March 5. Operation on 80 to 10 meter using SSB and some FT8. QSL via LoTW, QRZ.com.

OCEANIA

OC-166 Maratua Isl YC5YC/7 & YC7UDD will be active during February 25-27. Primarily a POTA activation. Operation on HF bands. QSL via LoTW.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

D6, COMOROS Hiro, JF1OCQ will be active as D67X between March 9-22. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Seth, KD9TAW will be operating as VP2V/call from Tortola between April 18 and APRIL 22. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW, Club Log.

THE REMINDERS

Pacific Tour by Uli DL2AH

KH0, MARIANA ISL Rota Island August 31-September 14 as KH0/call

KH2, GUAM September 16-30 as KH2/call

V7, MARSHALL ISL October 3-15 (call pending)

V6, MICRONESIA October 18-30 as V63AH

Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8.

4U, ITU GENEVA A team with ON5UR, ON6AJ, ON8AZ and RW3AH will be operating as 4U100Q0 during May 18-20. This is the first time that there will take a QO100 activation take place. Also active as 4U1A.

9M0, SPRATLY ISL DX0NE is valid for a Dxpediton to Kalayaan, Spratly Islands sometime within the first 6 months of 2023. Team will be with Mike DU1XX, Jong DU3JA, Ed 4F1OZ and Gil 4F2KWT. No specific date(s) yet set for the expedition. License was issued to Gil, 4F2KWT.

9U, BURUNDI Antonello, IK2DUW confirms there is a DXpediton in preparation, sponsorship is sought. More to follow.

CY0, SABLE ISL Permission for a Dxpediton has been authorized with the team: WA2DAN, N2IEN, K5DHY, K5YY, K4UEE, WW2DX, AA4NC, N8AA, N2TU. The Dxpediton team will be

active as CY0S during March 20-30. <https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/index.htm>

E6, NIUE Stan LZ1GC and Ivan LZ1PM will be operating as E6AM between October 10 and October 27. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Logsuploaded during the Dxpediton to Club Log. QSL via LZ1GC OQRS, direct or bureau.

FG, GUADELOUPE Jean-Luc, F1ULQ will once again be active as TO1Q end March/beginning April, dates to be confirmed soon. Activity on HF and 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, LoTW.

FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be QRV as FM/call and as TO7O between March 21 and March 28. An entry in the CQWPX SSB contest is included. Outside the contest he will be on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.

British Virgin Islands



FOO, AUSTRAL ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be QRV as TX5XG during April 12-19. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW and digi. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via home call.

<https://australvacation.amebaownd.com/>

FO/M MARQUESAS ISL Didier, F6BCW plans to be active again as TX7G sometime November 2023 but with a large team. More to follow.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON The next trip to FP by KV1J is planned for June 27 until July 11. QRV in various contests throughout the period. Activity on 80-6m; CW, SSB, Digi.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Chris, VO1CH updates DX-World that due to Covid-19, the TO5T DXpediton to St Pierre & Miquelon has been postponed sometime in 2023. Activity from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <http://www.to5t.com/>

FW, WALLIS & FUTUNA Tom, KH0/KC0W informs: due to Covid this trip will be postponed. As soon the situation changes Tom will let us know when he departs Saipan.

H40, TEMOTU The Intrepid DX Group has released their next DXpediton to Temotu Province as H40WA between October 31 and November 14. A team of 8 operators with Rob N7QT, Paul N6PSE, Sandro VE7NY, Jun OE1JUN/JH4RHF, Heye DJ9RR, Laci HA0NAR and Arliss W7XU and Walt N6XG will do efforts on the low bands using CW, SSB and FT8. [Temotu 2023 DXpediton - Intrepid DX Group \(intrepid-dx.com\)](#)

HK0, SAN ANDRES ISL For a 2 week period in May 2023 (dates to be announced), Renato will again be active from San Andres island as HK0/PY8WW.

J8, ST VINCENT & GRENADINES Thomas, F4HPX will be active from several islands within St. Vincent and the Grenadines around March 2023 as J8/AG7JQ. No dates yet, but he will QRV mostly as a mobile station. Activity mainly in SSB with some FT8/FT4. QSL via home call direct or bureau.

JD1, OGASAWARA Look for JD1BQP (JP1IHD) from Chichijima between April 29 and May 6, 2023. Operation mainly on HF using SSB. QSL via home call, direct.

JD1, OGASAWARA Koji, JI1LET will be active from Chichijima as JD1BOI between March 9 and March 24. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call, direct only.

KH8, SWAINS ISL Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. Alex Jennings (owner of island) and the team will start planning again sometime 2023.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Stian LB5SH, Bjorn LA1UW, Tor LA3WAA and Kristoffer LB0VG will be active OJ0/calls between May 20 and May 27. Operation with 2 stations from 80 to 4 meter using CW, SSB and digital.

PJ2, CURACAO Andy, DK5ON will be operating as PJ2/call from March 4 until March 22 as PJ2/call. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via home call direct or bureau, LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS John, W5JON will be QRV as PJ5/call during March 28 and April 4. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using SSB and FT8. QSL via direct or LoTW.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA between March 4 and April 1. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSO will be uploaded to LoTW and Club Log.

T8, PALAU Yoshi JR3QFB (T88JH), Miyo JO3LVG (T88MK) and Hiro JM1LIG (T88FM) will be active from the Palau Radio Club / Shack during September 12 and September 18. QRV on HF bands using various modes. QSL via homecalls.

V4, ST KITTS Bob, N4RF will be operating as V4/call between March 19 and April 1. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using mainly CW with some SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct, LoTW or Club Log.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT Look for the EIDX group as VP2MEI around March 23 and April 2. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digi. More to follow.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dave, W9DR will be active as VP2V/call from Anegada Isl during June 23-29. Operation on 6 meter only using FT8, CW and SSB. QSL via QRZ.com information.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL Dario, KP4DO will be operating from Tortola as VP2V/call. Dates not yet mentioned. More to follow.

Cocos Keeling Island, VK9C



VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, W0UV will be operating as VP5/call between April 4 and April 11. Activity on HF using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS John, N9EAJ will be operating as VP5/call between March 8 and March 22. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log and LoTW.

XU, CAMBODIA This Dxpediton had been due to take place during March, however since many of the team were from Ukraine it's clear it had to be postponed. Juris YL2GM, team leader explains: My team planned expedition XU7AKT in March. The expedition had to be cancelled due to the war in Ukraine. However, Latvian Radiosport Federation supports Ukraine during these tough times and invites radio amateurs around the world to join this support by donating. More info can be found on the LRSF homepage: <https://www.lral.lv/lrsf/index.html>

YJ, VANUATU A team with NC7M (YJ0TT), K6VHF (YJ0NA), W6UC (YJ0UC) and NG7E (YJ0ET) will be QRV from Port Vila in October 2023 (exact dates to be confirmed). Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digi + 23cm EME.

YJ, VANUATU A team with N4VGE as team leader will be active for 2 weeks in October 2024. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digi with an entry in the ARRL 10m contest on December 14-15.

More to follow.

YN, NICARAGUA Robert, DL7VOA will be QRV from Guacalito de la Isla as YN5AO. Dates are still in planning phase due to COVID. Operation in 'holiday-style' with a focus on the low bands. QSL via Club Log OQRS. <https://www.qrz.com/db/YN5AO>

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

AS-023 Amami-O Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will once again be operating as call/6 during May 6-8. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.

Cayo Jutias, NA-093 (CO)



THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-107 Samet Isl E20AX/p has had to postpone the activation of Samet Island that was originally scheduled for 8-10 January 2022 because of the Omicron outbreak. A new date is yet to be set.

EUROPE

EU-125 Fano Isl A Belgian IOTA team will be active as 5P5FI between April 22 and April 29. More to follow.

EU-189 Isle of Rockall The Rockall expedition is now scheduled to leave from Inverkip Marina, Greenock, Scotland May 26. This is a charity event (details below) and the plan is to spend a week on the rock. Amateur Radio operation is planned for part of the stay.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-122 Isla Cabras Team members of Loma del Toro DX Club will be operating as HI0LT during March 12-19. Operation from 160 to 2 meter using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via EB7DX.

OCEANIA

OC-092 Calayan Isl DU1/SP5APW March 18-26

OC-244 Marinduque Isl DU1/SP5APW/P March 9-14

Jacek, SP5APW informs his next trip in March 2023. Operation from 40 to 10 meter using SSB and FT8. On 6 meter will he work digital only. 'Last activity from OC-092 took place back in 2017 an from OC-244 back in 2018.

OC-237 Gili Ketapang Isl Huzen, YE3BYE/P will be QRV between May 15 and May 21. Operation on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.



Antarctic Base

Base Dumont d'Urville FT4YL February 21-27

Base Cape Prud'homme FT4YM/P February 19-20

Mehdi, F5PFP informs that David **FT4YM** is again QRV from Antarctica during the next summer campaign (March 2023).

Amundsen-Scott Station George KJ4CHT is the overwintering doctor at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica. He's a newcomer to the ham radio hobby (previously only having local FM QSO experience), however is becoming familiar with remote set up, using **Ham Radio Deluxe** logbook, and is looking forward to trying HF bands soon. QSL manager, Bill K7MT, suggests George will be most likely on 20 SSB. Callsign to look out for: **KC4AAA**

Davis Base Look for Allan, VK0AW to be active from Davis Station, Antarctica. He recently departed Hobart, Tasmania is expected to arrive Davis around February 11th. After a few weeks (duty changeover etc), he aims to be QRV using simple wire antennas and a Barrett commercial transceiver (400w). Allan's line of work is IT, and it should be noted he is a brand new radio amateur; please be patient with him in pileups. QSL via EB7DX who will handle LoTW, Club Log OQRS duties. Allan will be there for until February 2024.

Esperanza Base Juan, LU8DBS is currently stationed at Esperanza Base, Antarctica (AN-016) for the Antarctic Summer. In his spare time he is QRV as LU1ZV on 40, 20 and 10 metres SSB; in February CW and digital modes will be added. QSL direct to LU4DXU.

Halley VI base Seba, SQ1SGB is active from 75° 35' 00" S, 26° 34' 00" W – Loc: HB64RK. Halley Research Station is a research facility on the Brunt Ice Shelf operated by the British Antarctic Survey (*mx F8DVD*).

Maitri Base Station Sunny, VU2CUW is active from the Indian Maitri Base (70°46'S – 11° 43'E). When time permits he will QRV on HF bands using AT42I callsign – 42nd scientific expedition. More info to follow..

Mawson Station Allan, VK0AW will be based at Mawson Station (not Davis Station), Antarctica for one year starting around mid-February. He is new to the amateur bands, and still inexperienced in pile-up technique. QSL via EB7DX and LoTW.

Novolazarevskaya Station Look for Oleg, ZS1OIN as RI1ANU from Novolazarevskaya Station, Antarctica. QRV on HF bands when time permits using IC-7300, amplifier and beam antennas.

QSL via H/c.

Palmer Station For the 2022/23 US-Antarctic scientific season, there's a new ham operator based at Palmer Station, Anvers Island, AN-012. Look out for Cody running KC4AAC on the HF bands when time permits. There is a triband antenna at the station. QSL via K7MT.

Vostok Station Look out for Alex UG1A (ex.RD1AV), Ivan UB1AQB and Zahar (ex.UH4NAE) to be active during their spare time (January 1 to March 31, 2023) from Vostok Station, Antarctica as RI1ANC and/or RI30ANT (30th anniversary of the Russian Robinson Club). RI1ANC QSL via RN1ON. RI30ANT QSL via RZ3EC.

Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

HZ, SAUDI ARABIA Special event stations **7Z3FD**, **8Z3FD** and **HZ3FD** are active on 5-22 February to celebrate Saudi Arabia's Founding Day (22 February). QSL via HZ1SAR; the logs will be uploaded to Club Log. (TNX 425DX)

VE, CANADA Members of the Newfoundland based Grassroots Amateur Radio Club (VO1GRC) will be active as **VO1TAP** from 18 February to 18 March. QSL via LoTW and eQSL. The callsign commemorates the anniversary of the USS "Truxtun" and USS "Pollux" naval disaster that occurred off the coast of Newfoundland on 18 February 1942. (TNX 425DX)

On the scene...OX5DM, Greenland



THE REMINDERS

5H, TANZANIA **5H100TC** is the special callsign that TA1HZ, currently stationed in Tanzania and active as 5H8HZ, has been granted to use during 2023 in celebration of the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via M0OXO's OQRS. (TNX 425DX)

9A, CROATIA **9A66AA** is the special callsign that Tom, 9A2AA is using throughout 2023 to mark his 66th year in amateur radio. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)

9K, KUWAIT Members of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society will be active again as **9K9NLD** on 1-28 February. The special callsign celebrates both Kuwait National Day (25 February) and Liberation Day (26 February). QSL via EC6DX. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DR45HAAN** is the special callsign for DARC's Ortsverband Haan (R24) to celebrate their 45th anniversary until September 30, 2023. All QSOs will be confirmed automatically via the bureau; direct cards via DL7ET. (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY **DR100XRAY** commemorates the 100th anniversary of the death of Wilhelm Roentgen, inventor of the X-rays and winner of the Nobel Prize for physics in 1901. QRV until the end of June 2023. QSL via bureau or direct. (TNX DXNL)

DL, GERMANY Celebrating "100 years of broadcasting in Germany", special callsign **DB100RDF** is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. The first official radio

entertainment programme in Germany was broadcast on 29 October 1923. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM20AAW** to be on air from 10 to 24 February 2023. Activity is to celebrate the 20th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on <http://www.qrz.com/db/TM20AAW> Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his Qth of Mâcon in east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 350. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 2 USD) or via Buro. For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it

F, FRANCE Members of Radio Club Jean Bart, F6KMB will be active as **TM6C** on 12-27 February during the traditional Dunkirk Carnival (Carnaval de Dunkerque). QSL via F6KMB. (TNX 425DX)

HA, HUNGARY The following special event stations mark the 200th birthday of the Hungarian poet Sandor Petofi until March 15: **HG200AN**, **HG200DO**, **HG200EF**, **HG200IR**, **HG200OT** und **HG200PS**. QRV on HF on CW, SSB, and FT8. An award is available as well. QSL via Club Log, LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

HH, HAITI Special event station **HH75RCH** will be QRV from Port-au-Prince, Haïti until May 1 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of RaBdio Club D'Haïti. QRV on HF bands, QSL via N2OO. (TNX 425DX)



HP, PANAMA Members of the Panama Canal Amateur Radio Association (HP1PCR) will be active as **3E30PCARA** on 1-28 February to celebrate the 30th anniversary since their club's formation (4 February 1993). QSL direct to PCARA, Apartado Postal 0843-03204, Ciudad de Panama, Republic of Panama. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Promoting World Radio Day (13 February), the UN Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi will be active as **4U13FEB** on 1-28 February. DXCC wise, it counts for Italy. QSL via 9A2AA, direct or bureau. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Members of ARI Novara will be active as **II1CAI** from 15 February to 30 June. The special callsign memorializes the 100th anniversary of the local section of the glorious Club Alpino Italiano (the Italian Alpine Club, founded in 1863). QSL via IQ1NO. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY The ARI section Fidenza (www.arifidenza.it) runs a "Marconi was here!" award programme throughout 2023 to mark important steps and locations in Marconi's career and in the development of wireless technology:

February: **II4STL**; SESTRI LEVANTE (GE): Demostation of blind navigation by means of radio beacons (1934)

March: **II4ANC**; ANCONA: radio communication experiments with Poldhu station (Cornwall) (1904)

April: **II4BRI**; BARI: inauguration of the first Italian radiotelegraphic station with commercial purposes (1904)

May: **II4GNV**; GENOVA: switch on of the lighting system in Sidney by means of a radio beacon (1930)

June: **II4SSM**; SASSO MARCONI (BO): at Villa Griffone, first wireless contact in history (1895)

July: II4SPZ; LA SPEZIA: experiments with the Italian military Navy (1897)
August: II4GAR; GOLFO ARANCI (SS): Short Wave contact with Rocca di Papa (Rome) 1932)
September: II4CGD; CASTEL GANDOLFO (ROME): inauguration of the microwave full - duplex system with the Vatican (1933)
October: II4SML; S. MARGHERITA LIGURE (GE): microwave RTX experiments (1931)
November: II4CLT; COLTANO (PI): inauguration of the first Italian intercontinental radiotelegraphic station (1911)
December: II4CDV; CITTA' DEL VATICANO: inauguration of the Vatican radio station (1931)
For QSL information see qrz.com. An award, based on contacts with these stations, is also available. (TNX DXNL)

LA, NORWAY LA100K is the special callsign for the Akademisk Radioklubb, LA1K to celebrate the 100th anniversary since its foundation. Based in Trondheim, it is the oldest amateur radio club in Norway. The special callsign is in use during 2023. QSL via the bureau, or direct. (TNX 425DX)

LU, ARGENTINA AMSAT Argentina, **LU7AA** will celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the LUSAT (LO-19) satellite on 21-29 January. Activity on the HF bands will be on SSB, CW and digital modes. (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2023 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ319TS** (February), **LZ522ME** (March and April), **LZ78KA** (May and June), **LZ1015RW** (July and August), **LZ288MS** (September and October), and **LZ600PA** (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2023 Award" can be found at <https://www.lz1kcp.com/>. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA OE40XTU is the special callsign for OE1XTU, the Amateur Radio Club at TU Wien (the Vienna University of Technology), to celebrate its 40th anniversary during 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (preferred), paper cards to be requested via Club Log's OQRS will be sent in early 2024. (TNX 425DX)

OE, AUSTRIA Celebrating World Radio Day, the VIC Amateur Radio Contest DX Club (4U1A, <http://4u1a.club/>) is expected to be active as **4UNR** on 12- 28 February. This activity counts for Austria for DXCC, and for the Vienna International Centre for the CQ DX Marathon. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via UA3DX. (TNX 425DX)

ON, BELGIUM OQ95RCL is the special callsign for Radio Club Leuven (ON4CP) to celebrate its 95th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, bureau, or direct to ON3AR. Free award is available see <https://hamlog.online/club/rcf/713> (TNX 425DX)

OZ, DENMARK Special callsign **OZ625E** will be active on 14-28 February for the opening of the new Enigma Museum of Communications in Copenhagen. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via the bureau to OZ1ACB. A special award will be available for contacts made with OZ625E/xx stations with different suffix extensions. (TNX 425DX)

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The Scouting troop Thomas More in Prinsenbeek celebrates its 85th anniversary with the callsign PA85TP during 2023 and the Scouting Prinsenbeek Amateur Radio Club marks its 30th anniversary with the call **PA30SPARC**. An award for QSOs with these callsigns and PI9TP is also available from the Manager Edwin, PE5ENJ (pd5enj@msn.com). (TNX DXNL)

SM, SWEDEN 8S80AA is the special callsign for the Vasteras Radio Klubb, SK5AA to celebrate its 80th anniversary throughout 2023. More information can be found on <https://www.sk5aa.se/>. QSL via Club Log's OQRS (preferred), via the bureau to SK5AA, or direct to SM5FUG. (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Polish Amateur Radio Union (PZK) sponsors a radio marathon to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the birth of Nicolaus Copernicus (Mikolaj Kopernik, 19 February 1473), the Polish astronomer who formulated a model of the solar system centred on the Sun rather than Earth. Look for special event stations **SN550K**, **SN550O**, **SN550P**, **SN550E**, **SN550R**, **SN550N**, **SN550I**, **SP550K** and **SN550NC** to be activated from 17 February to 5 March. A certificate will be available, see <https://550mk.pzk.org.pl> for complete information. (TNX 425DX)

TA, TURKEY Celebrating the 100th anniversary since the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey (29 October 1923), the Turkish Radio Amateurs Association (TRAC) will operate special callsigns **TC100**, **TC100TA**, **TC100TR** and **TC100YEAR** throughout 2023. (TNX 425DX)

VK, AUSTRALIA VI75G is the callsign for the Geelong Amateur Radio Club to celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout 2023. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via VK3ATL (direct and bureau). (TNX 425DX)

VR, HONG KONG In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, radio amateurs in Hong Kong are permitted to use the special call prefix "**VR25**" until end June.

W, USA W7P is the callsign for the Northern Arizona DX Association to conduct a 10-year special event countdown to the 100th anniversary of the discovery of Pluto by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell

Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona (18 February 1930). The inaugural event was held in 2021; this year's Pluto Anniversary Countdown will run on 11-20 February. Also, Doug Tombaugh (N3PDT), Clyde Tombaugh's nephew, will be operating during the event as W7P/0. (TNX 425DX)
YO, ROMANIA YR1400VT is the special callsigns that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 30 June 2023 to popularize the newly inaugurated Via Transilvanica, a long-distance trail (1400 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. (TNX 425DX)

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